

14 September 2023

By email to: [REDACTED]

Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

### **OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST 2023/31**

On 3 August 2023 you made a request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA) for the following information:

*RNZ would like to request the following under the Official Information Act 1982, in a fully searchable and copyable format.*

- Any communications, not limited to but including emails, instant messages, and texts about Twitter and the organisation's use of Twitter between 20 October, 2022 and the present.
- Any briefings, reports, memos or other documents about Twitter and the organisation's use of Twitter between 20 October, 2022 and the present
- Any policy advice relating to Twitter and the organisation's use of Twitter between 20 October, 2022 and the present
- A summary of all spending on Twitter between 1 January, 2022 and the present in an excel file.

Copies of all communication about Twitter and the Electoral Commission's use of Twitter are attached. The communications are released with redactions under sections 6(c) and 9(2)(a) of the OIA.

Some information on the specific details of law enforcement escalations have been redacted under section 6(c) of the Act on the basis that disclosure of the information requested would likely prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, detection and investigation of offences.

Some contact details, such as phone numbers, email addresses and some names have been withheld under s 9(2)(a) of the OIA which relates to the privacy of natural persons.

In each case where redactions have been made under section 9(2)(a), consideration has been given to and I am satisfied that the reasons for withholding of the information are not outweighed by other considerations which render it desirable, in the public interest to make that information available.

The Electoral Commission does not have a policy relating to Twitter and the organisation's use of Twitter.

The Electoral Commission spent \$0.00 on Twitter between 1 January 2022, and present.

In the interests of transparency, we release responses to Official Information Act requests every 3 months. We will publish this response with your personal details redacted.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the Act to make a complaint to the Ombudsman if you are not satisfied with the response to your request. Information about how to do this is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by phoning 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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